On January 12th, 2024, I looked through some documents on behalf of the Kansas Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi. I was welcomed to the Special Collections department of Hale Library by Cliff Hight, the Department Head, who then showed me many resources at our disposal. This ranged from a website called Internet Archive (archive.org) to a large collection of student magazines published at KSU from the middle to late twentieth century called Kansas State Engineer. He also showed me a large stack of records that that were filed with the **Office of Student Activities & Services** that represented registration of, officers from, and activities hosted by Tau Beta Pi's Kansas Gamma chapter while the office existed. I originally came to look through a folder of miscellaneous documents under our name, so that was the main goal, but I was quite fascinated by all the rest I'd been shown and wish I had more time to explore. The most notable item in the folder was the petition from the Tau Beta Gamma chapter (predecessor to an officially charted chapter) to the national Tau Beta Pi Association. Another notable item was a small booklet of the Tau Beta Pi Constitution and Bylaws published in 1917. The rest of the folder was photocopies of newspaper articles that featured the Kansas Gamma chapter. Here are my findings;

- Tau Beta Pi Constitution & Bylaws:
  - "Published by The Executive Council 1917"
  - Article II included officers named Cataloger and Associate Editor of Official Magazine.
- Random Magazine Articles (Title, Date, Publisher):
  - "Engineering students rebuild toys"; November 6th, 1995; Kansas State Collegian.
  - "Not toying around"; November 8th, 1996; Kansas State Collegian.
  - "Group plants trees around Riley County landfill"; March 9th, 1998; Kansas State Collegian.
  - "Cotton Filters"; March 8th, 1998; The Manhattan Mercury.
  - "Future engineers to attend KSU convention"; October 9th, 1998; Kansas State Collegian.
  - "KSU's Hayter receives national recognition"; September 5th, 2008; The Manhattan Mercury.
  - "Engineer advisor recognized for work with students"; September 10th, 2008; Kansas State Collegian.
- *Internet Archive* (archive.org):
  - On this website you'll find plenty of old issues from the Kansas State Collegian and The Manhattan Mercury. Although, all the issues of Kansas State Collegian are also digitally kept on the Hale Library Special Collections website archive.
- *Kansas State Engineer* magazines (Unexamined);
  - The selection I saw was from 1974 to 1979, but Cliff believes said there is much more. On issue had our Bent among other items on the front cover. I noticed a few articles about KS Hill.
  - All these magazines have yet to be scanned into a digital archive. We may have to search for Tau Beta Pi - Kansas Gamma articles and scan then save the files ourselves.
- Tau Beta Gamma's petition (1972) (Unexamined):
  - The petition included letters from chapter officers, professors, faculty, and companies, some of which were General Motors and Hallmark Cards. The book also contained Tau Beta Gamma's constitution (which was identical, as they profess, to Ta Beta Pi's constitution at the time) and a list of all the professors at the College of Engineering that summarized what organizations they were members of, their alma mater, and what their "Teaching Load" was.
  - This petition has yet to be scanned into a digital archive.
- **Office of Student Activities & Services** records (Box 18) (Unexamined):
  - Before digital registration and reporting, the office kept physical files of all the student organizations. From what I saw, Kansas Gamma has records from the 1980s into the 2000s. This may include yearly officers, term advisors and yearly activities. To get an understanding of the past iterations of Kansas Gamma, this is worth looking through.

I did what I could in 2 hours and Cliff understood that the life of an engineering student will be full of study and projects as the Spring 2024 semester begins, so he said when I or anybody willing are able to examine documents, we can simply make an appointment through the website or over phone. I'm eager to read through the magazines and may visit Special Collections as leisure.

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